

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CHANGING THE NAME OF NORTHERN
3 NEW MEXICO STATE SCHOOL FOR COMMON CONVENIENCE; REMOVING THE
4 TWO-YEAR LIMIT ON ACCREDITED COLLEGE LEVEL ACADEMIC
5 INSTRUCTION TO RESTORE ITS ORIGINAL CONSTITUTIONAL MISSION.

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

8 Section 1. Section 21-4-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1909,
9 Chapter 97, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "21-4-1. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO
11 COLLEGE.--The management and control of the northern New
12 Mexico state school at El Rito, also known as northern New
13 Mexico college, and the appointment, qualification, powers
14 and duties of its board of regents shall be the same as
15 provided in Article 12, Section 13 of the constitution of New
16 Mexico for the other state educational institutions mentioned
17 in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico."

18 Section 2. Section 21-4-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,
19 Chapter 97, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "21-4-2. USE OF NAME "NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE" FOR
21 COMMON CONVENIENCE.--Except for financial transactions, the
22 use of the name northern New Mexico college is hereby
23 permitted in lieu of northern New Mexico state school, for
24 common convenience."

25 Section 3. Section 21-4-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1909,

1 Chapter 97, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "21-4-3. NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE--PURPOSE OF
3 INSTRUCTION--ACADEMIC COURSES--BOARDING OF STUDENTS.--

4 A. The courses of instruction at northern New
5 Mexico college shall:

6 (1) meet the needs of young people of New
7 Mexico who cannot be served adequately by the local public
8 schools in their home communities;

9 (2) prepare technical and trade students for
10 occupations and vocations that are useful and necessary in
11 the economy of New Mexico; and

12 (3) provide academic, technical and
13 vocational instruction beyond the high school level and
14 accredited college level academic instruction.

15 B. The board of regents of northern New Mexico
16 college may provide quarters for the boarding of resident
17 students.

18 C. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
19 university of New Mexico from continuing to provide upper
20 college level and graduate courses in any areas in which such
21 courses were being offered prior to January 1, 1977.

22 D. The board of regents of northern New Mexico
23 college may develop, implement and seek accreditation for a
24 baccalaureate degree program in teacher education."_____